

## PRESS COMMENTS.

### On the Merging of Lancaster's Newspapers.

"MEANS AN UP TO DATE PAPER."  
From The Wintboro News and Herald.

Lancaster's three papers have been united into one, which will be known as the Lancaster News. Maj. Chas. T. Connors, who has been editor of The Review, will edit the new paper, which will be a semi-weekly, 6-column quarto. This means Lancaster is to have an up-to-date paper. Success to the combined paper.

LANCASTER SPIRIT COMMENDED.  
From The Carolina Field.

The fact published in daily papers that Lancaster people have subscribed the stock of the new paper, capitalized at Ten Thousand Dollars, and one-third more speaks well for the enterprise of that progressive town. The spirit displayed might be commended to larger cities struggling under the weight of smaller propositions. Lancaster is about one-third the size of Georgetown.

NEWSPAPERS CONSOLIDATED.  
From Camden Chronicle.

We note from the Lancaster Ledger, that the three newspapers published in Lancaster have been consolidated under the name of the Lancaster News. The new paper will be under the control of a stock company of \$10,000. The officers of the company are R. E. Wylie, President; W. C. Cauthen, Secretary and Treasurer. C. T. Connors, formerly of The Review, was elected editor, with J. M. Riddle, Jr., business manager.

This means that after Oct. 4th, Lancaster will have but one paper hereafter, as with the capital stock, and the men backing the new enterprise any competing journal would be quickly frozen out.

"LANCASTER PAPERS TO CONSOLIDATE."  
From the Fort Mill Times.

The Lancaster Ledger of Saturday announces that a company was organized in that place the past week for the purpose of purchasing the three newspapers. The Ledger, The Review and The Enterprise, and consolidating them into one newspaper. The officers of the new company, which is to be known as the Lancaster Publishing Company, are R. E. Wylie, president, and W. C. Cauthen, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$10,000. Mr. Chas. T. Connors, who has ably edited The Review for a number of years, has been chosen editor. The new paper will be called the Lancaster News, the first issue of which will appear October 4th.

"BE ONE OF THE VERY BEST SEMI-WEEKLY PAPERS IN THE STATE."  
From the Kershaw Era.

Sentiment, of course, leads to a regret that we shall no longer receive the regular visits of our contemporaries, the Lancaster Ledger, Review and Enterprise. But we believe that the town and the stockholders will profit by the consolidation. There was not room enough in Lancaster for three papers to do a successful business, and is not an easy matter for any one to put forth the best effort in an unprofitable business.

Any town will be helped by giving good support to the home

paper. Good support will inspire the very best effort and nothing brings larger returns to a town and its people than a live, up-to-date paper.

The Lancaster News will be the name of the new paper, which will be edited by Mr. Chas. T. Connors, who has been the editor of the Review for a number of years. He is well equipped both in point of ability and by long experience to do successful editorial work and we, therefore, look for the Lancaster News to be one the very best semi-weekly papers in the State.

The Lancaster News has our heartiest wishes for abundant success.

"TERRITORY NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THREE PAPERS"  
From the Rock Hill Herald.

It is announced that the three Lancaster papers, the Review, the Ledger and the Enterprise, have been bought out and consolidated. The new company will be called the Lancaster Publishing Company, and the name of the new paper will be the Lancaster News. The capital stock will be \$10,000. The first issue of the new paper, which will be a semi-weekly, eight page, six column sheet, will appear October 4th.

Mr. C. T. Connors, editor of the Review will edit the new paper, and Mr. J. M. Riddle, Jr., will be business manager.

Mayor Wylie will be president of the company, and County Treasurer W. C. Cauthen, secretary and treasurer.

Editor Connors is an able and energetic newspaper man and Mr. Riddle, the business managers is a young man of fine business capacity, and the new enterprise will no doubt do a good business. The Review, Ledger and Enterprise were all good papers and received a liberal patronage from the business houses of Lancaster, but the territory is not large enough to support three papers and it is thought that one good paper will be worth to the town and community more than the three have been.

"A COMMON-SENSE MERGER."  
From the Charleston News and Courier.

The merging of the newspapers in Lancaster, the Review, the Ledger and the Enterprise, is an event of some importance to the newspaper men of South Carolina. The success with which Messrs. Connors, Clark and Carter have maintained the three newspapers in a small county at an excellent standard speaks clearly for the newspaper ability of each, but under such conditions it must have been disheartening to attempt to produce first-rate newspapers. Lancaster is just big and strong enough for one creditable semi-weekly such as the "News" is to be, and hope is that, for the journalism of the State, its field will not be disputed.

Mr. A. J. Clark is the president of the new company and he is a newspaper man of recognized character and attainments. Mr. Connors, who is to be the editor, is one of the most efficient newspaper men, in some particulars, that we know of in South Carolina. Although his training has been limited in the main to a weekly newspaper and to correspondence for the daily newspapers, he has become a reporter who will rank with the best,

whether of the daily or weekly press.

With freedom to devote his talent to news gathering and writing and with the advice and assistance of Mr. Clark, he will be able to produce a newspaper of which the Catawba region will be proud. Mr. Carter, who has printed a clean and creditable newspaper and who has received a full share of the support of Lancaster, will, to the regret of his friends all over the State, retire from the business.

[Our esteemed Charleston contemporary is in error as to the president of the company. That position is filled by Mr. R. E. Wylie, Lancaster's popular mayor. Mr. Clark is a member of the board of directors.—Ed The News]

"HARDLY ROOM FOR ONE."  
From the Yorkville Enquirer.

Information comes from Lancaster to the effect that the three papers of that town, the Ledger, Review and Enterprise, are to go out of existence and be succeeded by another paper which is to make its appearance next week. The new paper is to be an eight page semi-weekly, and is to be called the News. This arrangement, as we understand it, has been brought out by a long established conviction on the part of the Lancaster public that one good newspaper would be of more value to the town and community than three sorry ones. The respective editors of the Ledger, Review and Enterprise are all good newspaper men, but it is a fact that their papers were lacking in many essential requirements, not so much through the shortcoming of any one of these gentlemen as through the manifest impossibility of receiving support for three papers in a territory where there is hardly room for one. As things have been going each of the three papers have had about equal circulation, and largely among the same people. Under conditions where they had to send their papers without authority in order to get them circulated at all, it has been next to impossible to collect even a fair percentage of the subscriptions. On the other hand business people realizing that an advertisement in one accomplished practically the same result as the same advertisement in all three, very naturally declined to use all three except on a basis that would afford only a fairly reasonable rate for one. The new arrangement, as long as it stands, will no doubt be a relief not only to the general public; but especially to business circles. However, we shall be surprised if this consolidation affords a new remedy to the situation. No matter how thoroughly any newspaper may fill its field, there will always be those who will think they can do better, and Lancaster is not going to be an exception.

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6 months it has made its visits to the homes of its subscribers every week (during the Spanish-American war, twice a week), carrying such news as weekly newspapers usually contain. In filling its columns week after week, it has been the constant and anxious aim of this editor to furnish his readers with such matter as would best meet their wants and needs in this line, always having an eye to whatever would tend to the upbuilding of the material and educational interests of Lancaster

and Lancaster county. How well we have succeeded in this, we leave it to our readers to say. We are conscious, however, that we have done the work FAITHFULLY. And now, before we say farewell to our readers and our advertisers, we wish to thank them most cordially for their material aid and moral support during these 14½ years, and to commend to their confidence and their patronage the new paper that is soon to be launched upon the billowy sea of journalism.

In such editorial opinion and comment as has appeared in these columns, it has always been our purpose to endorse and applaud whatever was right, as we were able to see the matter then under

consideration. But as the printer is at our elbow we will bid you all an affectionate good bye, wishing for you long life and an abundance of the choicest of God's numerous gifts and greatest blessings.

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